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August 2, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood,

I encourage you to strongly consider Kentucky's application for the TIGER II grant program to complete SIU5 of Interstate 69.

Kentucky's legislature recently committed more than \$50 million over the next two years to move forward eight projects along the corridor—all on existing parkways. KYTC's application for TIGER II funding would allow for the opening of about 75 miles, about half of the total mileage through the Commonwealth.

Kentucky's parkways are already part of the federal highway system, and making operational and safety improvements to upgrade them I-69 status represents a major savings for tax payers.

Thank you for full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

J. Dorsey Ridley Kentucky State Senate

cc: Governor Steve Beshear Senator Mitch McConnell Congressman Ed Whitfield

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August 10, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood United States Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590-0001

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I encourage you to strongly consider Kentucky's application for the TIGER II grant program to complete SIU5 of Interstate 69.

The Kentucky General Assembly, where I represent Daviess, Hopkins, McLean, and Webster Counties, recently committed more than \$50 million over the next two years to move forward eight projects along the corridor—all on existing parkways. KYTC's application for TIGER II funding would allow for the opening of about 75 miles, about half of the total mileage through the Commonwealth.

Kentucky's parkways are already part of the federal highway system, and making operational and safety improvements to upgrade Interstate 69 status represents a major savings for taxpayers.

Thank you for your full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

Jim Gøoch, Jr.

State Representative

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cc: The Honorable Steve Beshear

Senator Mitch McConnell
Congressman Ed Whitfield

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Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood:

I urge your support of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant money to further the opening of a large section of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky.

We are fortunate that Kentucky built an extensive system of four-lane, limited access parkways in the 1960s and 1970s. Much of the Purchase, Western Kentucky and Pennyrile parkways will be upgraded to become I-69. SIU5 covers approximately 75 miles and could take significant steps to being officially "shielded" with a positive result from the TIGER II grant.

Upgrading Kentucky's parkways is a bargain for the U.S. DOT. They were built with very little federal money and are part of the federal highway system. A small investment from the TIGER II grant would allow for the necessary safety and operational improvements to open the entire SIU5. This maximizing of the existing system represents a significant savings for tax payers.

I-69 has significant state support. The Kentucky legislature's recently approved road plan includes eight projects to further its development.

Our company/organization thanks you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

Steven Rudy

State Representative

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DAVID A. WATKINS, M.D.

August 2, 2010

Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590-0001

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I write to strongly encourage your consideration of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant program monies to complete SIU5 of Interstate 69 - operational and safety upgrades to the Pennyrile and Western Kentucky Parkways. Kentucky's legislature recently committed more than \$50 million for the next two years to advance eight projects along the corridor, all on existing parkways. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's application for TIGER II funds would enable the opening of approximately 75 miles, which constitutes about half of the total mileage of I-69 through the Commonwealth.

Kentucky's parkways are already part of the federal highway system, and upgrading the Pennyrile and Western Kentucky Parkways for I-69 maximizes the use of our existing system at a fraction of the cost of building an all-new highway, at a substantial savings to taxpayers. Your attention to Kentucky's I-69 TIGER II grant application will be sincerely appreciated.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached in Frankfort by telephone at (502) 564-8100, Extension 700; in Henderson at (270) 926-0952; or by email at david.watkins@lrc.ky.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,

David A. Watkins, M. D.

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State Representative

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July 28, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington DC 20590-0001

State Capitol

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I strongly urge you to consider Kentucky's application for the TIGER II grant program to complete SIU5 of Interstate 69.

As a Kentucky State Representative, I supported the recent legislature's commitment for more than \$50 million over the next two years to move forward eight projects along the corridor—all are existing parkways. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's (KYTC) application for TIGER II funding would allow for the opening of about 75 miles, or about half of the total mileage through the Commonwealth.

Kentucky's parkways are already part of the federal highway system, and making operational and safety improvements to upgrade them to I-69 status would represent a major savings for tax payers.

Thank you for your consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Dwight Butler

State Representative

Ccs: Governor Steve Beshear

> Senator Mitch McConnell Congressman Ed Whitfield